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*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15*

## The Flesh Under Judgment

C. A. Coates

“For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.” (Phil. 3:3)

It is impossible to think that God, having condemned sin in the flesh in the death of His Son, will tolerate the flesh in a believer. And it is monstrous to suppose that a believer can rejoice to know that the flesh has been judged at the cross, and be content to tolerate or gratify it in himself.

God tried man in the flesh in all kinds of circumstances, and with all kinds of privileges and advantages for four thousand years, without ever getting any satisfaction in him. The whole history of man, as we have it in Scripture, serves to prove that man in the flesh is a moral wreck, and a grief and dishonor to God. At the end of four thousand years God brought in the promised Seed - the One in whom His heart could rest, and in whom all His promises and purposes could be established.

It was not the profane multitude who sought the death of Christ, but the educated, the religious, the priestly class. It was man in the flesh IN HIS BEST FORM that hated Christ. And why? I think we might say the Lord Jesus was marked for death in the minds of these religious men from the moment that He said, “I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20). A word like that swept away at once as worthless the whole fabric of the righteousness which these men had with patient toil been rearing for themselves. It made NOTHING

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## Shepherding Conference

**September 20–22**

Conducted by Spread The Word

**Greenwood Hills, Fayetteville, PA**

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# The Mark Of The Beast In The Coming Tribulation

Edgar Ainslie

“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Rev. 13:16,17).”

The Antichrist will cause a mark to be branded on every brow or on every right hand. Those who will not conform to this cruel edict will not be allowed to buy or sell or trade in any way.

1. It will be a mark of *idolatry*. The curse of all ages has been idolatry. In every land it is in the ascendancy. Most heathen religions are essentially Devil worship, and even modern cults and isms have openly worshiped the Dragon.

2. It will be a mark of *deception*. The miracles as performed by the Antichrist will have as their object, not the good of mankind, not the betterment of society, not the advancement of man, but the wicked deceitfulness of sin, the absolute ruin of man, and the total perdition of the whole human race.

3. It will be the mark of *ownership*. Men will yield their bodies, souls, and spirits to the Devil. Surrendering the useful hand, the noble brow, they will lay their all on the Dragon’s altar, yielding to him.

4. It will be the mark of *religion*. Man is constituted a religious being. Find him wherever you will, he worships some being he calls god. The Devil knows man’s weakness, and he is going to make use of this for his own sinful purposes. This will be his supreme opportunity, and he will introduce a system by which he eventually will entrap the whole world into one great religious camp in which every heart adores him as its god.

5. It will be the mark of *compulsion*. Under the threat of boycott and death, without a vote, without a choice, no longer treated as a moral agent, but as slaves of this great Dragon system, men will have no alternative than meekly to submit. To do otherwise will be fatal.

6. It will be a mark of *defiance of god*. The cartoons of Russian Communism depicted a young boy shaking his fist in the face of God Almighty. Now in these days it will not be one in one land, but in all lands. Everywhere there exists this blatant spirit, arrogant, challenging, and hurling defiance against a loving God who gave His only Son for all mankind.

7. It will be a mark of *mystery*. No one yet has been able to tell what it is, and no one will until that fatal hour when

this mark is in operation. What this mark is, the Holy Spirit has not fully revealed. We can leave it with God who, in His infinite wisdom, states that it is a mystery.

8. It will be a mark of *imperfection*. Seven is the number of perfection. Six is the number of imperfection. These three sixes (verse 18) are the numerals of the Dragon, symbols that plainly confess the impotency of puny man.

9. It will be the mark of *destiny*. Heaven and its angel forces will publicly warn every man of the terrible consequences incurred in receiving the mark of alignment with this sworn and open enemy of Almighty God. Those who knowingly and defiantly receive the mark must perish in the lake of fire.

10. It will be a *universal* mark. No class will be exempt - no race, no creed, no faith, no nation or land. It will embrace the whole of mankind. One universal mark for one unified world. The Bible begins with a marked man, and it finishes with a world of marked men.

How near are we to this fatal hour of this world crisis? No human being can tell. Israel’s modern leaders have already announced their willingness to receive any man who will free the Holy Land of her enemies. The political stage is fast being set. The religious world is ready. The social world is ready, degenerating more and more, each day with its incoming tides of immorality, orgies of frightful indecencies, its breakdown of home life and disobedience to parents, its cheap marriages, and its easy divorces.

We do not know how near this world tragedy may be, but great comfort is found in the Second Epistle of Thessalonians which deals with this “man of sin.” “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way (2 Thess. 2:7).” Before he can appear, this Epistle makes it clear that the Church must be raptured. The Hinderer - the blessed Holy Spirit - must be taken out of the way before the falling away can blossom forth, and consummate in the appearance of the two archfiends, the two Beasts of Revelation 13. \*

## Moving?

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## Christ's Coming For His Saints

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“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).” The fact that Christ is to return to this earth as He went is so clearly and extensively taught in the prophetic Scriptures that this truth has been included in all the great creeds of Christendom. However, the doctrine of the return of Christ demands most careful and discriminating consideration. In the Bible, distinction is made between two yet future events. Christ is coming FOR His saints and Christ is coming WITH His saints. Though these two events differ in every particular, they are often confused.

In contemplating the prophetic doctrine of Christ's coming FOR His saints, it should be noted:

1. **The Order Of These Two Events.** It is obvious that Christ cannot come to the earth WITH His saints until He shall have come FOR them. They must be gathered together “unto Him” (2 Thess. 2:1) before they can “appear with him” in glory (Col. 3:4). Though these events are probably separated by only a brief period of time, according to prophecy, there is much to be fulfilled between these events which is world transforming (2 Thess. 2:3,4; Rev. 4:1 to 19:10).

2. **The Two Events Are Not Two Phases Or Aspects Of One Divine Undertaking.** The long predicted second coming of Christ to this earth will be completely fulfilled when He comes WITH His saints, and, therefore, the coming of Christ FOR His own sustains no relation to it whatsoever. The Scriptures present the coming of Christ FOR his own as a mystery or sacred secret (1 Cor. 15:51) - meaning something hitherto unrevealed, but to be understood after it is divinely disclosed. The New Testament revelation concerning Christ's coming FOR His own could not have been seen in the Old Testament since it is only one aspect of truth related to the Church; which Church is a sacred secret, having been nowhere directly anticipated in the Old Testament.

3. **His Coming For His Saints Is The Next Event In The Order Of The Fulfillment Of Prophecy And Is, Therefore, That For Which The Child Of God Should Be Waiting** (1 Thess. 1:9,10; Phil. 3:20; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 9:28). As certainly as the coming of Christ FOR His saints is not revealed in the Old Testament, so certainly it has no relation to the unsaved. To the Christian, however, it is, in the purpose of God:

(1) *A Comforting Hope.* Comfort is derived from the fact that Christ may come at any time and that there is

not a whole lifetime, necessarily, or until death, before the believer may see his Lord, and also from the fact that when He shall come the child of God will be instantly in the presence and fellowship of those loved ones who were saved and who have gone on before (1 Thess. 4:16-18).

(2) *A Purifying Hope.* No one can contemplate the fact that Christ may come at any moment and not have his conduct affected by that belief (1 Jn. 3:1-3).

(3) *A Blessed Hope.* There is nothing comparable to the expectation that, through riches of grace, the saved one will see his Lord face to face, be with Him, and be like Him (Jn. 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Jn. 3:2).\*

## The Lord Lifts Up The Humble

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:10).

After some cottage meetings in the U.K., J. G. Bellett (1795-1864) wrote some memorable observations.

“I have been visiting some of the dear, simple-hearted Christians in the cottages, and been truly edified. I can never forget my visit to Coker; unlettered souls, rich in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, happy in that knowledge though deeply pressed with earthly circumstances, and ready to go and be with Him at a moment's warning.

I do not know that I ever paid a visit that has left more blessing on my own soul. I saw the reality of what all of us too much deal with in idea. You will be surprised that several families, after the rent is paid, have very little to live on, and yet the cottage is clean. Many cannot read; and yet the savor of divine teaching is most attractive and edifying.

We had a happy cottage meeting last evening. This rustic congregation is much to my taste; and the simple, earnest affection of the people and their unfeigned faith, is truly edifying and comforting. Many striking expressions drop from them which tell of divine teaching.

‘You have a hard cough, Betty,’ said a lady to a poor woman. ‘Yes ma’am, but it is the Lord's will,’ said she. ‘Some years ago the Lord said to me, Betty, do this, and I did it, and Betty go there, and I went; but now He says to me, Betty lie there and cough. So, ma’am, I lie here and cough.’

A poor woman was reminded some time since of the crown that awaited her. She answered, ‘No crown, no crown, only a harp to praise Him for ever.’ This was very sweet. The expectation of His presence and exceeding joy is in the hearts of many of them.” \*

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*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
1 Timothy 1:15*

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## Our God Is Able

Bernard Osborne

Three young men faced a violently irate despot. “You bow, or burn,” he yelled. The option before them was stark indeed, bow to Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image, or burn in his super-heated furnace. The decision to their minds was clear. They could not bow, neither would they, to his golden image, though he had fed them, educated them and promoted them to high office in his realm. For them the law of their God came first, and that forbade them to bow down to any graven image, or to any likeness of anything. That settled the matter for them. “We will not bow down,” they said. What gave them the confidence to withstand the king’s will? “Our God is able to deliver us”, they said. But if He did not deliver them from the king’s furnace, they would still obey the law of their God rather than the king. In the event their God did not deliver them *from* being thrown into the furnace, but He delivered them *through* it, being with them *in* it, and delivering them from any harm, even from any smell of burning on their clothes. Oh, and of course, they did leave something behind in the furnace – their bonds. They went in bound, they walked out free. Our God is able to deliver us.

What is clear from this story in Daniel chapter three is that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had no doubt about the ability and power of their God. \*



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of their prayers and religious duties; it poured contempt on all their ceremonies and observances; it reduced them to the level of common sinners.

Our self-importance is our greatest hindrance; it shuts out Christ. Every bit of Christ that comes into your soul makes less of YOU. A man who is self-sufficient, and who wants to have credit for HIMSELF, is not honoring Christ. He may preach or pray, and be very well pleased with himself when he has done it, especially if he thinks he has made an impression. As a Christian gets on in his soul, and as Christ becomes more to his heart, he does not think of himself or of his own glory at all, and then what he does is in the power of the Spirit of God. If you are not prepared to give up your own importance, all the reading and hearing in the world will not help you much in your spiritual life. \*

## York Bible Study Program

September 2012 - May 2013

Date	Topic	Teacher
September 8	Hebrews	Brian Gunning
October 13	2 Timothy	Bruce Hulshizer
November 10	Lessons from Joseph	Dan Weaver
December 8	Eternal Life & Eternal Punishment	Randy Amos
January 12	Romans 12-16	Tom Irwin
February 9	Lessons from Saul & David	Bob Spender
March 9	Feasts of Jehovah	Mike Attwood
April 13	Conference - John Gordon, TBA Held at North York Bible Chapel (PA)	
May 11	Assembly Fellowship & Assembly Discipline	Keith Keyser